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1. After 19 March 1952, small shipments of troops were daily seen returning to the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23). The unit had left the installation for a field exercise at the beginning of March. After 25 March, the unit was back at the installation which was fully lighted on the following evenings.
2. On 24 March, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was reoccupied to capacity.
3. On 27 March, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was occupied to capacity by 2,000 to 2,500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was intensive training activity in the barracks yard; about 100 troops were practicing with eight 57-mm AT guns towed by armored personnel carriers mounting a 20-mm machine gun in the center of the vehicle. About 150 soldiers practiced with twelve 45-mm AT guns and about 200 other troops were engaged in calisthenics. About 80 soldiers cleaned motor vehicles. Three trucks carrying 30 soldiers with carbines, entrenching tools and donned gas masks drove into the installation from the direction of Magdeburg (M 51/D 69).

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4. On 27 March, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was occupied by an estimated 2,000 to 2,500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Three units of about 120 unarmed soldiers each marched into the billeting area. From 80 to 100 motor vehicles, including not less than 60 trucks, were lined up in the barracks yard, obviously for an inspection.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The report tends to indicate that the troops that departed from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on 9 March and from the Flak Kaserne on 7 March by road and rail, namely elements of the 18th (?) Hvy How Arty Brig and the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig, were back at their Brandenburg post by the end of March 1952. [REDACTED]

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